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Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An insertion device trajectory system for use with an insertion device in treating a patient, comprising:
 - an energy source for producing an energy path in a direction away from ~~a medical insertion device~~ the patient;
 - an indication surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path, thereby indicating any trajectory correction required for the insertion device; and
 - a mechanism by which the energy source can be attached to the insertion device.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a reflecting element configured to reflect the energy path towards the indication surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path.
4. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.
5. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a LED.
6. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 4 wherein the energy path comprises a directed light, and wherein the attachment mechanism is adapted to direct the light towards a reflecting element.
7. (Currently Amended) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the indication surface is positioned so that the light directed towards the reflecting element is visibly identifiable on the indication surface.
8. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source is permanently secured to the insertion device by the attachment mechanism.

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9. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the insertion device comprises a workpiece attached to a distal end of the insertion device, and wherein the attachment mechanism is configured so that the energy path from the energy source is coaxial with the workpiece.
10. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 9 wherein the workpiece is a percutaneous needle.
11. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1, further comprising:
a visual indicator for indicating a trajectory of the energy path.
12. (Previously Presented) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.
13. (Currently Amended) A medical alignment device for use with an instrument in treating a patient, comprising:
an energy source located ~~on an insertion device~~ the instrument wherein the energy source produces an energy path away from the patient; ~~wherein the energy path is reflected by~~
a reflecting element for reflecting the energy path; and
a surface for indicating ~~a location of the reflected energy path~~, ~~so that the proximity of the~~
~~reflected energy path to the energy source to indicate~~ any alignment correction required for the
~~instrument insertion device~~.
14. (Currently Amended) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the surface is located
adjacent energy path emanates from the energy source in a direction away from the insertion
~~device~~.
15. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.
16. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.

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17. (Previously Presented) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the insertion device comprises a needle.
18. (Currently Amended) A method of aligning a medical instrument used in treating a patient ~~insertion device~~, the method comprising:
 - generating an energy path from an energy source located on the medical instrument, ~~the energy path directed away from the patient an insertion device~~; and
 - reflecting the energy path so that a proximity of the reflected energy path to the energy source indicates any alignment correction required for the insertion device.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the reflected energy path is directed towards an indication surface located on the energy source ~~emanates from the energy source in a direction that is away from the insertion device~~.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising operating the ~~insertion~~ medical device through a driver.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the ~~insertion~~ medical device comprises a needle.
22. (New) A system for aligning an instrument for use in treating a patient, comprising:
 - an instrument having a working end and an opposite proximal end;
 - an energy source adapted to selectively engage a portion of the instrument and for producing an energy path in a direction away from the working end; and
 - a surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path, the trajectory of the energy path correlating to a trajectory of the instrument.
23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the working end includes a needle.
24. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the working end includes a cutting portion.
25. (New) The system of claim 22, further including a longitudinal axis extending at least partially between the working end and the proximal end.

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- 26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the energy source is adapted to produce an energy path substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.
- 27. (New) The system of claim 22, further including a reflecting element configured to reflect the energy path towards the surface.
- 28. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein the surface is located adjacent to the energy source.
- 29. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the energy source is a light source.
- 30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the energy source is adapted to selectively engage the proximal end of the instrument.